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Via Hand Delivery

Mr. Thomas Dorman
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RE: Case No. 2003-00143

Dear Tom:

I deliver herewith the original and three copies of a Petition to Intervene on behalf of Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and the Independent Telephone Group for filing.

Very truly yours,

STOLL, KEENON & PARK, LLP

By Lindsey
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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF:

PETITION OF NPCR, INC.,)	
D/B/A NEXTEL PARTNERS FOR)	CASE NO. 2003-00143
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN)	
THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)	

**PETITION TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF LOGAN TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE, INC.; MOUNTAIN RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
CORPORATION, INC.; PEOPLES RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
CORPORATION, INC.; SOUTH CENTRAL RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
CORPORATION, INC. AND THE INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE GROUP**

Come Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and the Independent Telephone Group,¹ by counsel, and for their request for full intervention herein state as follows:

1. Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. are rural, incumbent Local Exchange Carriers providing telecommunications services in areas of the Commonwealth of Kentucky wherein the Petitioner herein seeks designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

¹ An association of rural telephone companies consisting of Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; Brandenburg Telephone Company; Coalfields Telephone Company; Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; North Central Cooperative Corporation; Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Incorporated and West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.

2. The Independent Telephone Group is a group of independent, rural, incumbent Local Exchange Carriers providing telecommunications services in rural areas of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Four of its members provide service wherein the Petitioner seeks to be designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

3. Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. have a direct interest in the determination of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers in areas served by them and the Independent Telephone Group has an interest in the public policy decisions involved in the requests for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers status in rural areas of the Commonwealth of Kentucky because its members are incumbent Local Exchange Carriers in rural areas of Kentucky.

4. Applicants are likely to present issues and develop facts that will assist the Commission in considering the request of the Petitioner without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Applicants pray that they be granted full intervention herein, that they be afforded an opportunity for discovery and all other relief to which they may appear entitled.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition has been served by mailing same, postage prepaid, on this 3rd day of July, 2003, to the following:

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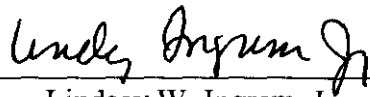
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